

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 16, 26, 29, and 30 have been amended to remove "carded" when referencing gauze. The amendments are meant to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections asserted in the September 27, 2005, Office Action. In the § 112 rejections the Examiner addresses the use of the term "carded gauze". In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116(b) the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments in order to place the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.


Upon entry of the above amendments, applicants will appeal the Examiner's rejections over the cited art.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the application in general, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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